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IN "KULTUR"

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GEN. HAIG REPORTS  
PROGRESS KEEPS UP

French Official Report Also Intimates that the Offensive of the Allies Is Being Maintained, Meanwhile French Capture German Trench on Aisne Front

London, Aug. 16.—The troops of the entente allies in Flanders attacked the German positions to-day on a wide front east and north of Ypres, Belgium. The official report of Field Marshal Haig says that progress is being made.

On the Lens front, where the Canadians yesterday captured Hill 70 and made further progress in the environs of the French mining center, all German counter-attacks were repulsed, the official statement adds.

British front in France and Belgium, Aug. 16, 10 a. m.—(By Associated Press.) The forces of the entente allies at day break to-day began another drive against the troops of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria along a wide front from a point opposite Polygon Wood, east of Ypres, to the left of the French positions to the northward. In the first onslaught the right flank of the French surged across the Steenebeke river and at the same time the left wing pushed forward correspondingly.

These meagre facts represent the total news at this hour from the zone of the new offensive with the exception that the French already have counted 100 prisoners.

Paris, Aug. 16.—French troops in Belgium, attacking early to-day in conjunction with the British on both sides of the road between Steenstraete and Dixmude, captured all their objectives and crossed the Steenebeke river, the war office announced to-day. Further progress is being made along the river.

The French made an attack on the Aisne front and captured a German trench on a front of a kilometre. Four German counter-attacks were repulsed.

## LESS TONNAGE SUNK.

British Shipping Lost Only 16 Large Vessels Last Week.

London, Aug. 16.—A falling off in British tonnage sunk last week by mines or submarines is indicated in the weekly admiralty statement made public last night. Fourteen vessels of 1,600 tons and over were sent to the bottom, as against twenty-one the previous week. Two vessels of less than 1,600 tons were sunk last week, the same number reported the previous week.

The admiralty statement follows: Arrivals of all nationalities, 2,776; sailings, 2,666.

British merchantmen sunk by mines or submarines over 1,400 tons, including one previously, 14; under 1,600 tons, including one previously, 3.

British fishermen sunk, 3.

## ONE LARGE STEAMSHIP.

Was Lost By French, and Three of Smaller Size.

Paris, Aug. 16.—The weekly report of shipping losses gives one steamship of more than 1600 tons and three of smaller size, as having been sunk in the week ending Aug. 12, out of 1,010 arrivals and 1,028 clearances. Five French vessels were attacked unsuccessfully by submarines.

## ALL SMALL VESSELS.

Which Were Lost By Italy During the Past Week.

Rome, Aug. 16.—The Italian merchant marine losses for the week ending Aug. 12 comprise six steamers and five sailing vessels, one of the latter being above 100 tons. Five hundred and fifty vessels of all nationalities entered the port and 500 left.

MORE PUBLICITY  
FOR LIBERTY LOAN 2

Government May Advertise in Newspapers and Other Mediums at Cost of Million or More Dollars.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 16.—A detailed plan for advertising the next issue of Liberty loan bonds in the newspapers and mediums of publicity to cost from one to two millions of dollars and to be paid for by the government was presented to-day to Secretary McAdoo by the national advertising agency board with the recommendation that it be adopted.

On the basis of the expenditure of \$1,000,000 the following distribution of the fund is suggested: Daily, monthly and weekly papers, including those printed in foreign languages, \$700,000; farm papers, \$100,000; small town dailies and weeklies, \$100,000; printing posters, circulars, etc., \$100,000.

The space devoted to advertising the first Liberty loan cost the government nothing.

## ALL DOUBT REMOVED.

Japan Now Convinced of Good Faith of United States.

A Pacific post, Aug. 16.—All doubts and misconceptions which may have existed between Japan and the United States have been wholly cleared away in the three days which have elapsed since a Japanese mission landed here three days ago. Viscount K. Ishii, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary, declared in an address here last night, "You have convinced my government and people that the heart of the great west is all right," he said, "and that friendly co-operation, from now on, is to be the key note of all relations between America and Japan."

The ambassador last night gave a dinner to Breckinridge Long, third assistant secretary of state, his staff, the army and navy officers assigned to the mission, and the state and city officials who have participated in their welcome.

ARMY DIVISIONS  
ARE REORGANIZED

Regular Army to Be Numbered First, National Guard Divisions Next and National Army Third.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 16.—A complete plan of reorganization of the army was disclosed in general orders made public to-day, prescribing the formation of all tactical units from divisions to armies. A composition of each division on the European standard is prescribed. The designation of the divisions by number begins with the army division now in France, which already has been reorganized on a basis of 19,000 men.

This is the first division of the United States army. The other regular army divisions are to be numbered up to and including the 25th. The National Guard divisions are to be numbered from the 26th to the 75th and the national army divisions from the 76th on.

## WON'T SLIGHT NEW ENGLAND.

Pres. Wilson Gives Assurance to Storrow Commission.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 16.—President Wilson received yesterday afternoon members of the New England coal committee, headed by James J. Storrow of Boston, who presented the situation of the New England states in reference to the coal supply and who urged that the government interfere as little as possible with the transportation of fuel from the mines to the great industrial centers of Massachusetts and the other states in the section of the country, by water.

The president told the committee that he expected to designate a member of the priority board, connected with the war industry board, to care particularly for coal shipments, and he was certain New England would not be slighted.

FOUR TONS OF BOMBS  
FELL ON VENICE

A Number of Conflagrations Were Started, According to Austrian Statement.

Vienna, via London, Aug. 16.—Four tons of bombs were dropped by airplanes Tuesday morning on the maritime arsenal at Venice, causing a number of conflagrations, according to an official statement from the Austrian war office.

## SHOT SELF THROUGH HEART.

Fred Nash, 38 Years Old, of Middlebury Had Been in Poor Health.

Middlebury, Aug. 16.—Fred Nash, 38 years old, a lifelong resident of this village, and formerly a barber, committed suicide about seven o'clock last evening by shooting himself through the heart, with a high calibre Winchester carbine. Nash has been in failing health for the past two years and this is believed to be the cause of his rash act. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Joseph E. Nash, and a sister, Mrs. Fred Hayden, both of this village.

Mr. Nash drove to the village yesterday morning from the farm of his mother-in-law, Mrs. H. Kelsey, of Salisbury, where he and his family had been living for the past six weeks. He made some purchases and appeared to be in normal mind. It was noticed, however, that he had both a shotgun and the Winchester rifle in his trunk.

It was about seven o'clock when he reached home. Driving by the house on the way to the barn he called to the wife to pack his grip as he would return to the village. He unhitched his horse and placed it in the stall, then taking the rifle, walked out of the barn and shot himself through the heart. Death was instantaneous.

U. S. WOUNDED  
IN HOSPITAL?

London Newspaper Tells of Arrival of Soldiers From Western Front

WASHINGTON HAS  
NO INFORMATION

But Promises Prompt Announcement When Information is Received

London, Aug. 16.—According to the Daily News, some wounded American soldiers from the western front have just arrived at the hospital at Bath.

No Report in Washington of Americans Wounded.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 16.—Neither the war nor navy department has any information on the reported wounding of American troops. Prompt official announcement is promised when information is received, provided it is not incompatible with military interests.

SOME DISCREPANCY  
IN WARM'S STORY

Persons Taken Before Him Try to Identify the Cavalryman as the Man Seen with Jennie Hemmingway Sunday Night.

St. Albans, Aug. 16.—Some time in the next 24 hours Robert Warm, a private in the 18th U. S. cavalry, who is held in connection with the death of 14-year-old Jennie Hemmingway, will face an ordeal when State's Attorney W. R. McFeeters, after studying closely the transcript of the evidence taken in the inquest, will interview Warm and ask for an explanation of seeming discrepancies between his story and that of many witnesses. Chief Mahoney and Deputy Sheriff L. P. Martin have some questions to ask.

Undoubtedly the questioning will have a great effect on the decision the state will make in entering complaint against Warm, who late yesterday was held under \$5,000 bail as a material witness. Warm says he has not engaged a lawyer, as he has no funds.

Some witnesses were taken to the jail building yesterday and Warm was brought before them to see if they could identify him as the man who was seen walking on the Newton road Sunday night with Jennie Hemmingway. The officers refuse to say whether the identification was satisfactory but they seem confident that eventually they will be able to show that the two were together on the Newton road that night. It begins to appear also that the police are inclined to doubt whether the couple were beset by any soldiers, as Warm stated Monday. If so it was not the men mentioned by Warm as having made a disturbance in front of the Hemmingway house Saturday night, as those men are said to have all reported back to Fort Ethan Allen Sunday night.

A witness, a relative of the dead girl, has stated that Warm met him Sunday night and said that he had not had any trouble with soldiers that night.

Henry Hemmingway, father of the dead girl, and Joe Willey, her uncle, say they cannot understand how it could happen that Warm, if he killed the girl single-handed, has no scratches on his face, as Jennie was a strong, healthy girl, large for her age and capable of defending herself for a time. Both the men believe that if the girl was seized by the throat she would have been strong enough to fight and scratch. The discolorations on the wrist are such that they do not believe that one man could have made those marks and have choked the girl at the same time. It is evident that it is their belief, although no statement has been made to that effect, that more than one person was mixed up in the affair.

Chief Mahoney made a careful examination of Warm this morning to see if there were any scratches or bruises on the man's face and found none.

Warm keeps his nerve well, although the police thought they detected signs of nervousness when the witnesses were brought before him for purposes of identification. He told the chief this morning that his nerve was good. He expresses considerable concern about his personal appearance and he asked if he could not have his shaving equipment and other toilet articles so that he could keep slicked up. The chief told him he would consult with the state's attorney to see if the prisoner could have his razor.

## STORY—LITTLE.

North Montpelier Couple Married By Rev. A. W. Hewitt.

Married, in Plainfield, by Rev. Arthur W. Hewitt, Miss Grace E. Little of North Montpelier, for several years a weaver in the mill of the Little Woolen Co., and Clifton Story, formerly of Essex Junction, and now employed by the North Montpelier creamery. They will make their home in North Montpelier, where they have the best wishes of their friends.

Portland, Me., Aug. 16.—Despondency over his arrest Aug. 3 on a statutory charge involving a girl 12 years, is believed to have caused George Moody, 49, an electrician, to commit suicide in his home, 163 Forest avenue, yesterday afternoon.

VERMONT LABOR  
UPHOLDS WILSON

In Protecting American Rights and Property in Guarding Against Hostile Attack and in Supporting International Peace.

Rutland, Aug. 16.—An endorsement of the national administration in its declaration of war with Germany and a determination to stand behind the president in the prosecution of the war were recorded in a war resolution adopted by the 16th annual convention of the Vermont state branch, A. F. of L., in this city yesterday. The resolution reads:

"Whereas, War now exists between Germany and the United States of America, be it resolved by the Vermont state branch, A. F. of L., in convention assembled on the 14th day of August, 1917, that the secretary be instructed to forward to Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, the following:

"We as Americans, faithful to the American ideals of justice, liberty and humanity, and confident that the government has exercised its most heroic efforts to keep us at peace with the world, we hereby declare our absolute and unconditional loyalty to the government of the United States of America and pledge our support to you in protecting American rights and property against unlawful violence upon land and sea, in guarding the nation against hostile attacks and in the upholding of international peace."

Gov. Horace F. Graham addressed the delegates briefly yesterday afternoon. He strongly urged the need of supporting the government at this critical juncture in the history of the nation, saying in part:

"You must feel that the administration at Washington is doing the best it can. It is trying to do in from three to six months what other countries would take from three to six years to do. No matter what any man's individual opinion may be, we are bound by duty to support President Wilson."

"There are some things we ought to do. We must bear in mind that the farmers of this country are under a great stress and have done the best they could. Reports gathered by the committee of public safety show the crops this year to be nearly four-fold. Prices will of necessity drop, but I say to you that these same men, women and children who have gone out into the fields are entitled to fair returns for their labor and you should see to it that they get it."

A banquet was partaken of by delegates to the convention and ladies at the Hotel Berwick last night. Nelson A. Malmgren of this city, state secretary and treasurer, acting as toastmaster. The governor invited the representatives of labor to come to him if they had any grievances or requests and said he would do his best for them.

Other speakers were: James C. Roach, organizer for the A. F. of L., State Senator George E. Chalmers of Rutland, George W. Deshney of the boot and shoe workers, Representative Walter S. Fenton of this city, William Standumb, president of the New England labor conference, Robert W. Simmonds, state commission of industries, Joseph T. Walsh of the bakers and confectionary makers, Benjamin Abrams of the garment workers, Fred W. Sutor, president of the state branch of the A. F. of L., Alexander Ironside, state recording secretary, and Frank Dignan of this city, of the bartenders.

Gov. Graham at the conclusion of the banquet announced that he had appointed Eli H. Porter of Wilmington as the third member of the board of arbitration and conciliation, of which Mayor Henry C. Brislin of this city and George C. Gridley of Windsor are the other two members.

## WOMAN AUTOIST SUED.

Husband of Woman Killed Seeks \$20,000 Damages.

Rutland, Aug. 16.—A \$20,000 suit was filed in Rutland county court yesterday by Attorney William H. Botsford of this city as administrator of Sarah Olive Wright Hurlburt, wife of Rev. Donald P. Hurlburt of Shrewsbury, against Miss Adah A. Walker of Shrewsbury, to recover for the death of Mrs. Hurlburt on Aug. 1 as the result of being run over by the defendant's automobile at the corner of West street and Merchants row. It is claimed the defendant was running her car negligently, without sounding a horn, and knocked down Mrs. Hurlburt, who received injuries from which she died at the Rutland hospital.

The accident occurred at 9:15 o'clock on the morning of Aug. 1. Miss Walker was driving a Cadillac machine and struck Mrs. Hurlburt and Mrs. Richard M. Mandigo of Shrewsbury, who was with Mrs. Hurlburt. Mrs. Mandigo was not seriously injured, but Mrs. Hurlburt received a broken collar bone, several fractured ribs and internal injuries, it is claimed. Witnesses varied in their accounts of the accident, some saying the defendant sounded a horn and was running slowly while others claim the reverse. The two women who were struck had just stepped off the curb in front of the Howley & Co. store.

Mrs. Hurlburt is survived by her husband and two children, Marion Vera Hurlburt, 13 years old, and Roderic Wright Hurlburt, 11 years of age. Included in the amount of the damage claim is \$500 for medical treatment.

## MUST REPORT.

Although Voluntarily Enlisting in Army or Navy Service.

The following information received from the office of the provost marshal general is published for the guidance of all concerned:

A person who has been called by a local board cannot voluntarily enlist in the military or naval service. Such enlistment will not protect him from the penalty of the law for failure to report to the local board.

By direction of the governor.  
Lee S. Tillotson, adjutant-general.

ARBITRATION  
OF DISPUTES

Freedom of the Seas and Reduction of Armaments Are Pope's Plea

PRESS RECEIVES  
TEXT OF HIS NOTE

No Reactionary Struggle for Economic World Supremacy

Washington, D. C., Aug. 16.—The text of Pope Benedict's peace note, received here early to-day in cabled dispatches from London, discloses that it does not differ from the unofficial outline previously received. The foundation stones of the pope's proposals for ending the war are the reduction of armaments, the freedom of the seas, the settlement of all international disputes by arbitration and that there shall be no reactionary struggle for economic world supremacy after the war.

Officials, while evincing much interest in the press text, refrained from making any comment pending the receipt of the official text, nor would they intimate the nature of the reply.

Secretary of State Lansing said to-day that he had received no further information of the pope's peace proposals except what he had read in the newspapers. Diplomats here generally believe there will be no reply for some time.

APPEALS MADE  
IN ORANGE COUNTY

State's Attorney Takes Up 13 Cases of Men Discharged on Ground of Having Dependents.

Chelsea, Aug. 16.—The following persons have appealed from the local board to the district board on account of the action of the former in denying their claims for discharge from the draft because of dependents: Fred James Smith, Groton, R. F. D. 2; John Francis Flanagan, Randolph, and Leon Lucas, West Fairlee.

The following men have appealed to the district board from the local board's decision that they are physically qualified: Hugh Irving Claffin, Randolph; Ralph John Sawyer, Randolph; Lee Wilson Bacon, South Fairlee, and Frank Francis Goulette, Washington.

The state's attorney, acting for the provost marshal general, has appealed to the district board against the action of the local board in discharging the following men because of dependents: Leon Edgar Mason, Thetford; Herbert Henry Williams, Orange; Eugene Enoch Ballou, Tunbridge; John Arthur Willey, Braintree; Carroll Amos Wright, Brookfield; Berton Harold Harris, Newbury; Elmer C. Roberts, Chelsea; Harry Ellis Downing, Washington; George W. Avery, West Fairlee; Lester Howard Sleeper, Newbury; George P. Hyde, Jr., Tunbridge; Roy John Scott, Washington, and Carl Ernest Thompson, Bradford.

The following claim for discharge is withdrawn: Clifford John Blaine, Williamstown.

## Discharged Men.

The following men were discharged by the local board Aug. 6, 7 and 8 because physically deficient: John Gardner Prescott, Wells River; Michele Gaccione, Williamstown; Saxey Welch, Topsham; Winn Lowell Taplin, East Corinth; Samuel Augustus Salls, Randolph; Clifford Dana Battles, Randolph; Glen Elmer Aldrich, Post Mills; Walter George Wheeler, Randolph; Hille Arthur Rabbott, Randolph; Royal Oscar Clapp, Thetford Center; Bernard C. Simpson, Washington; Ernest Seymour Smith, Bradford; Leonard Wallace Rollins, Wells River; Lewis Quimby Smith, Wells River; Jesse Dean Griffith, Williamstown; Ray Prescott Eaton, West Fairlee; Sidney George Sutor, Randolph; Charles Henry Temple, Newbury; Clifford Wallace Chalmers, Corinth; John Dana Gove, Strafford; Adam I. Eastman, Groton; Arthur Freeman Tullar, Corinth; Lafayette Lucas Coffin, West Corinth; Frank Henry Lamont, Fairlee; Robert Webster Fairlee; Albert Reor, Graniteville; Floyd Augustus Norton, Randolph Center; Elmer Eli Sault, Randolph; Jesse Cassius Melendy, Strafford; Walter Claude Clogston, Bradford; Clarence Maurice Rogers, Fairlee; Edward Hill-dreth Loveland, Randolph; Walter Jay Glynn, Wells River; Howard Bradford Varney, South Strafford; Claude Ernest Hopkins, Williamstown; Leslie August Reed, Randolph Center; Walter Hall Sisson, Northfield; Fred Winton Macauley, Williamstown; Clara Vernon Adams, Wells River; Charles Gladue, Tunbridge; William Thomas Rutledge, Fairlee; Edwin Johnson, Fairlee.

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## TALK OF THE TOWN

Lieut. H. H. Cameron, U. S. A., of Nashua, N. H., was among the visitors in the city yesterday and to-day.

Mrs. George Quigley and daughter, Miss Ruth Quigley of Somerville, Mass., former residents of Barre, are passing a week in the city as guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. House of West street.

John F. Cook of East street has received word that his grandson, George F. Watkins of Springfield, Mass., who passed several months in the military training camp for officers at Plattsburg, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the regular army. Lieut. Watkins is well known in Barre, having been an occasional visitor in the home of his grandfather.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY DISCHARGES

Three Men Are Exempted From National Army Service.

The Washington county exemption board has exempted or discharged the following drafted men: Cipriano Uale of 400 North Main street, Barre; George J. Moricette, Websterville; Henry Austin Smith, Waterbury.

## ON FURLOUGH FROM FRONT.

Henry L. Norton, Visiting in Montpelier, Has Seen Long Service.

Henry L. Norton, who has been fighting with the allied armies in Belgium and France for the past three years, is visiting in Montpelier as the guest of his brother, Col. John G. Norton, who is clerk of the district board of appeals. Mr. Norton arrived in the city early this morning, being on a furlough and as soon as his discharge is obtained will return to France to fight under the American flag. He enlisted in a Canadian overseas contingent in October, 1914.

Mr. Norton during his long period of service has traveled from the sea to the Somme and relates many highly interesting stories.

German prisoners, he says, are in a cheerful frame of mind when captured and explain that feeling by insisting that Germany is unbeatable.

The prisoners when captured and put to work are given the same pay as the English soldiers and the same rations and Mr. Norton states that when the for-4 supply to the allied soldiers is cut down temporarily it is known that a large batch of prisoners have been captured and the food has to be distributed to them.

Mr. Norton left on his furlough June 14 and while waiting for a train at Ypres a shell struck a coach and killed seven of his traveling companions.

He says the English have organized a wonderful system, the magnitude and thoroughness of which can not be realized unless one is there to observe it.

## CANADIANS NUMEROUS.

Among Applicants in Barre for U. S. Citizenship.

Midway of their four-days' sojourn in Washington county the clerk and attaches of United States naturalization court met in the council chamber at city hall yesterday for a few of the hearings remaining over from the session a fortnight ago. The number of aliens who appeared in the afternoon and evening was fairly large. To-day Clerk F. S. Platt, U. S. Deputy Marshal Lackey and C. DeF. Bancroft, the intermediary, moved on to Graniteville.

First papers were granted as follows: Charles Beaulieu, Canada, Orange; Paul Beaulieu, Canada, Barre; Emilio Campagnari, Italy, Barre; Philip Desureau, Canada, Barre; Patrick H. Massie, Scotland, Barre; Marius H. Perrin, France, Barre; Arthur Robert, Canada, Barre; Leslie A. Evans, Canada, Essex; Arthur Stetson, Canada, Barre.

Candidates who applied for second papers were: Alexander McDonald, Barre, Nova Scotia; James McKernan, Barre, Scotland; Vittorio Bonardi, Barre, Italy; Ignacio Estivill, Morrisville, Spain; Ercolo Guidi, Barre, Italy; Joseph Paris, Barre, Canada; Luigi Samprebon, Barre, Italy; John Cobe, Montpelier, Spain.

## ACCEPTS BARRE POSITION.

Prof. H. S. Morse Is Coming from Middletown Springs.

Middletown Springs, Aug. 16.—Prof. H. S. Morse, who has been principal of the Middletown Springs high school for three years, has resigned and has accepted a position in Spaulding high school in Barre.

## POLIO IN BELLOWS FALLS.

It Is the First Case in Windham County This Year.

Bellows Falls, Aug. 16.—A report from the state laboratory at Burlington received here yesterday established that this village has a case of infantile paralysis, the first to develop in Windham county this year. The victim is the six-month-old son of Michael J. Moore of 9 Brown street. One arm is paralyzed. The child has been sick since Thursday of last week and polio was not seriously suspected until Monday when a consultation of doctors was held.

The state board of health was notified and sent Dr. H. A. Ladd of Burlington to investigate. Dr. Ladd took blood serum back to Burlington and yesterday reported to Dr. J. S. Hill, health officer, that the child has polio. None of Mr. Moore's family has been outside of this village this summer and they have not had any visitors from outside of the town. How extensive a quarantine will be established is not yet determined.

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## Additions to Company Funds.

The following contributions have been received for the company funds of Co. C and for the Headquarters company: Previously acknowledged, Co. C \$249.90  
Dr. F. M. Lynde 4.00  
For Headquarters company  
Dr. F. M. Lynde 4.00

83 COMPLAINTS  
ON TAXATION

Many Granite Manufacturers Included in the List

SOME REDUCTIONS  
WERE OBTAINED

Assessors Came for Some Hard Rebut Last Night

Eighty-three cases where abatements, extensions or rebates were asked for were reviewed briefly or at length, according to the merit of the appeal, at the meeting of the board of civil authority in the court room at city hall last evening. Frank G. Howland was elected chairman and 16 other members of the board, including the assessors, were present. The court room was crowded when the meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock and before the board turned its attention to written appeals, 40 people had presented their cases in person or through their agents. Adjournment was not taken until midnight, but much of the work had been completed when the board dispersed, and if another session is necessary it will be found that much of the detail work is out of the way.

Protests from granite manufacturers were rather numerous and several substantial reductions were made by the board. The assessors came in for some hot shot on one or two occasions and more often than not the board saw fit to grant rebates in appeals amply supported by evidence. Letters received from Capt. C. N. Barber of Fort Ethan Allen and Guy Ottolini, who recently enlisted in the regular army, furnished a motive for a motion, which, when carried into effect, will abate or rebate the poll taxes of all men in Barre who have volunteered and have been accepted for service in the United States army or navy. Before the motion carried the exemption was restricted to those who have volunteered and not to those who have been or are to be drafted.

Decisions reached by the board are enumerated below:

Mrs. W. F. Shepard for the Mrs. Shepard Co., Inc., filed in her inventory full value of the capital stock, \$5,000, although it developed that the valuation was too high by \$1,500; voted to rebate on \$1,500.

Mrs. Susan Carroll, assessed \$40.40 on property valued at \$1,900, but declared she couldn't pay this year because two sons had been thrown out of work by the quarantine, care of five minor dependents also cited; board took the stand that abatements on real estate are without precedent and the appeal was dismissed, although it was made plain that the appellant will not be crowded by the collector.

Mrs. M. Gervasi, asked partial rebate of tax on unfinished house assessed for \$850; rebate on \$200 granted.

F. E. Burr, grievance based on increase of \$500 in personal property assessment; appellant said he called at the assessors' office and figured in a mutual agreement that last year's valuation would be satisfactory and swore to the inventory, which was jointly signed by him and by an assessor; upon the presentation of his tax bill learned that the \$500 had been added, although none of the assessors had visited his store to inspect the personal property; appellant intimated that he had an aversion to being robbed and in fairness asked for an explanation.

When the time came for considering the appeal, members of the board opined that the appellant made some pretty strong charges, none of which had been contradicted by the assessors. None of the assessors could recall the circumstances, but Assessor Noyes had the easiest time remembering and when the inventory was brought to the light, it was shown that Mr. Burr's valuation had been scratched or crossed out and another substituted. The board took the stand that taxpayers were entitled to fairer treatment and the appellant's request for a rebate on \$500 was granted, after a motion by Assessor Rossi to dismiss had failed of seconding.

Through James Carswell, Waldus Benson protested against assessment on dwelling house and asked for rebate; appeal dismissed.</